

Groton Village Board of Trustees Meeting
ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Monday, April 5, 2021

6:45 pm

Present: Mayor Neville, Trustees Morey, Conger and Holl , Nancy Niswender - Clerk-Treas/Admin, Charles Rankin, Admin, Suprv Shurtleff.

Mayor Neville opened the meeting at 6:50pm
Pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Neville made the following appointments:

Committees & Commissions

Board of Light Comm. (ending 2023) (J. Shurtleff)
Board of Light Comm. (3 yr) (F. Satterly)
Board of Light Comm. (3 yr) C. Rankin
Board of Water Comm. (ending 2023) (R. Walpole)
Board of Water Comm. (3 yr) (T. Walpole)
Board of Police Comm. (3 yr) (B. Eldred)
Village Planning Board (ending 2023) (P. Esparza)
Village Planning Board (ending 2025) (F. Heine)
Village Planning Board (ending 2026) Anita Kirby
Village Planning Board Alternate (1 yr) (Vacant)
Zoning Board of Appeals (ending April 2022) Greg Churchill
Zoning Board of Appeals (ending April 2023) Charles Rankin
Zoning Board of Appeals (ending April 2024) Chris Lange
Zoning Board of Appeals (ending April 2025) Gabe Petrella
Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate (1 yr) (Vacant)
Village Loan and Economic Development Committee (1 yr) (Conger, Molino, Morey,
Rankin-ex-officio, Stamm, Cunningham (Rep), Watrous- ex-officio, Westlake)
Village Citizen Rep on Joint Rec Committee (1yr) (Jennifer Foote-Dean)

Commissioner Chairpersons (all 1 yr terms)

Ambulance Commissioner (Neville)
Fire Commissioner (Neville)
Light Commissioner (Neville)
Park Commissioner (Walpole)
Police Commissioner Co-Chair (Holl, Morey)
Sanitation [Sewer] Commissioner (Walpole)
Street Commissioner (Holl)
Water Commissioner (Walpole)
Youth Commission Rep (Conger & Morey)
Committee Chairpersons (all 1 yr terms)
Assessment (No formal appt) -
Buildings & Grounds (Holl)
Code & Ordinance (Conger, Morey)
Dog Control (Morey)
Emergency Preparedness (Walpole)
Finance (Neville, Conger)
Joint Rec Committee Rep (Conger, Morey)

Memorial Bells (Conger)
Planning Board Rep (Walpole)
Sidewalks (Morey)
Technology Development (Holl)
Timber Harvest (Neville)
TV Cable Franchise (Morey)
Village Planning Board (Heine)
Zoning Board of Appeals(Rankin)

Other Appointments (all 1 yr except as noted)

Village Engineer (CT Male Assoc)
Village Engineer, Local (T. G. Miller, P. C.)
Village Attorney (Peter Grossman (& BGD))
Village Historian (L. Shurtleff)
Village Marriage Officer (L. Shurtleff)
Auditors (CDL & M, CPA's-Insero & Co.)

Trustee Morey made a motion to approve the appointments made by Mayor Neville, seconded by Trustee Holl, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Neville made the following appointments (board approval not required).

Deputy Mayor - Elizabeth Conger
Alt. Deputy Mayor - Michael Holl
Budget Officer - Nancy Niswender

Trustee Holl made a motion that the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GROTON be designated the official depository for the official year, seconded by Trustee Conger, all in favor, carried.

Trustee Morey made a motion that the GROTON INDEPENDENT be designated the official Village newspaper for the official year, seconded by Trustee Holl, all in favor, carried.

Trustee Holl made a motion that the third Monday of each month (except January & February, which will be the third Tuesday) be designated as the official meeting night for the Board of Trustees, with meeting time of 6:30pm for audit and 7 pm for regular session, seconded by Trustee Conger, all in favor, carried. The meeting nights will be scheduled as follows:

Monday, April 19, 2021	Monday, August 16, 2021	Monday, December 20, 2021
Monday, May 17, 2021	Monday, September 20, 2021	Tuesday, January 18, 2022 *
Monday, June 21, 2021	Monday, October 18, 2021	Tuesday, February 22, 2022 *
Monday, July 19, 2021	Monday, November 15, 2021	Monday, March 21, 2022

Disclosure of possible conflicts of interest:

Trustee Morey – husband is the Town of Groton Rep on the Tompkins County Legislature.

Mayor Neville - Neville Farm - straw sales and possible land use.

The annual review of accounting and investment policies was tabled until the next meeting for auditor review.

Trustee Conger made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2021 Tompkins Youth Services Contract for reimbursement to the Village up to \$25,853.00, seconded by Trustee Holl, all in favor, carried.

Public Hearing on the Budget

The regular meeting was temporarily suspended at 7:21pm and Mayor Neville opened the Public Hearing on the 2021-22 Tentative Budget.

Clerk Niswender read the Notice of Public Hearing.

No Public Comments

At 7:20pm Trustee Morey made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

Adoption of the Village of Groton 2021-22 Budget

Trustee Morey made a motion to adopt the 2021-2022 Budget as presented, seconded by Trustee Conger.

All Those in Favor:

"aye"	Trustee Conger
"aye"	Trustee Morey
"aye"	Trustee Walpole
"aye"	Trustee Holl
"aye"	Mayor Neville

The budget was duly declared adopted. [Type II Action under SEQR.]

At 7:21 Trustee Conger made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a specific personnel item., seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

At 7:32pm Trustee Morey made a motion to return from executive session, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

Trustee Holl made a Motion to accept Lance Coit's resignation and pay remaining vacation & cover insurance through May 31, 2021, seconded by Trustee Morey.

Mayor Neville appointed Billy J. Breed as an electric utility helper @ \$18/hr. pending light Board's recommendation.

Trustee Morey made a motion to adjourn at 7:35pm

Nancy Niswender
Village Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator